

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-2, 8 and 12 are amended and claim 11 is canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,529,920 B1 to Arons et al. ("Arons"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Arons does not disclose a written information inputting device including "an erase designating portion for erasing the written information by designating the certain position in the input area" as recited in claim 1 from which claims 2-7 and 12-14 directly or indirectly depend. Moreover, Arons does not disclose "an erasing detecting routine detecting coordinate data of a designated position on the input area designated by an erasure position designating portion of an erasing mode selecting device that outputs an erasing start signal by switching the switch" as recited in claim 8 from which claims 9 and 10 directly or indirectly depend.

Arons discloses a multimedia linking device automatically linking hand written notes made on a page to audio data, so that a user can take notes while observing a multimedia presentation and later review the notes and corresponding segments of the recorded multimedia presentation. However, Arons does not teach or suggest "an erase designation portion for erasing the written information" or "an erasing detecting routine...that outputs an erasing start signal by switching the switch."

II. Conclusion

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 and 12-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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